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Editorial Comment

AS WAS PREDICTED.

Although it has been generally believed that the big Democratic majority in the House would favorably report the Arizona Statehood bill without change, the press dispatches show that this body has taken exceptions to the recall of the judiciary and recommends that the people vote on this feature at the first election of state officers.

The Journal-Miner has contended from the start that the best way to handle this proposition would have been to leave out this radical feature and after we get Statehood to put it into the constitution, if the people wanted it.

There has never been a great movement of any sort in which both sides have not had to give way a little, and it would have been advisable to have framed a constitution which would have met with as little opposition as possible. As the matter stands now the question of Statehood has suffered a serious delay and no one is to blame but the radical element who believed that they were able to force the national government to follow their dictation.

The opinion of the Senate has not been heard, but it is only reasonable to believe that they will not be any more liberal with Arizona than the House has been.

If it comes to that pass where the people of the Territory will have an opportunity to get Statehood without the recall, the best thing to do will be to GET STATEHOOD, and then amend the constitution to suit our needs, but the thing to do is to GET STATEHOOD, and then attend to those small details ourselves when we can do so without being forced to get permission from the national government.

A lot of men voted for the constitution who were not in favor of the recall. They were willing to get Statehood on any terms, and settle the recall question later. Now the national House has balked at the recall and recommends that it be submitted to a vote of the people at the next election. Who was it that hung this objectionable feature on our hope of Statehood? Somebody is to blame, and the men who have so seriously hampered Arizona's chances for a state form of government will get their just deserts when the people select their first state officers.

May Day in Prescott is a real sample of what everyone has a right to expect throughout the summer and the large crowd of people who will come to the Mile High City to escape the heat will find that we have unquestionably the finest climate in the Southwest.

Yesterday was a sample of the sort of weather we are going to have on tap all summer long. No wonder that the people in the south are getting ready to move up to the "Mile High."

Notice the profound silence in the camp of the recall enthusiasts, right now. Perhaps the armistice in Mexico has affected them; maybe it was the action of the House committee.

Sunshine, clear air, good water, and sanitary conditions, mark Prescott as the coming summer resort for Arizona.

"Oh, what is so rare as a day in June?" The first of May in Prescott. Can you beat it, anywhere?

THE BIBLE A SEALED BOOK.

At a time when observers generally throughout the country have been forced to admit that the rising generation is unacquainted with even the salient facts of Biblical history, and that the Bible is a sealed book to hundreds of thousands of an older growth, it is interesting, if nothing else, to note that the first copy ever printed from moveable types, has just been sold from the Robert Hoe collection to Henry E. Huntington of California.

He paid \$50,000 for the work, which is the product of Gutenberg's press—that press the tale of whose conflict with the illuminators is one of the most fascinating of Medieval history. It slowly won the battle and the priceless heritage of literature became the property of all the civilized world. Education became possible for the masses and this great book, slowly printed in cumbersome pages with rough, moveable types, was the first of the millions of sheets that have since come from the press of which the Gutenberg device was the beginning.

The price of \$50,000 is none too much for such a rarity. The work is a monument to the advance of human knowledge, and that alone would make it of a value far in excess of what Mr. Huntington paid for it. There is in it, too, a sentimental interest, for when this copy was still wet from the press, and its separate sheets were carefully and toilsomely being sewed together, the only means the world had of knowing the learning of the ancients, to build upon such a foundation the glories of scientific progress of today, was the misal and rolls upon which the faithful monkish copyists spent their days. Today, such missals are as rare, almost, as this Bible, the printing of which sealed their doom as disseminators of knowledge. One of the most graphic pictures the world has of that period is in Charles Reade's "The Cloister and the Hearth," where Gerard meets on the road to Italy the pioneers of printing, bound thither, though they did not realize it, to dethrone forever the ancient art of the copyists.

And while Mr. Huntington buys this rare volume, rich with its associations, venerable with age, and symbolical of the progress of humanity and civilization, the great work therein contained receives less and less attention. The story of the Patriarchs and the Prophets, the Judges and the Kings of Israel, grows less impressive to the people because it is less known. Children come into the world, grow into manhood and womanhood, marry and die, never knowing that beneath the covers of that ancient book are the truths upon which rest most of our knowledge of the ancient world, and that therein lies the story upon which is based the sublime facts which give to our era its name. They know nothing.

Our militant faith demands that we shall preach the Gospel in foreign lands, where "the heathen in his blindness bows down to wood and stone," but it does seem that here among us, at home, there should be some way to teach our own families and our own people, if not what the Bible means, at least the story that it tells—"how, in the beginning, the heavens and the earth rose out of chaos." If only as literature, there should be a wider and more intimate knowledge of the Bible, the sublimity of whose description has never been approached by the pen of man.

THE SITUATION.

Although the developments of the last few weeks have had a disconcerting effect on the rank and file of traders the patient confidence of the financial powers has remained unbroken. The Mexican situation is being handled by President Taft in such a way that it is believed that European complications will be avoided, and there is every indication that President Diaz of Mexico and the Madero faction having declared an armistice, will bring about an adjustment of their differences by amiable means. The Missouri Pacific affair, which was at first viewed with some apprehension by the banking interests, is now looked at as thoroughly satisfactory, inasmuch as it seems assured that the Gould plans for the rehabilitation will be amply financed and the modification of the domination of the transportation facilities over a certain section of the country will tend to lessen the outcry against monopoly.

The financial community and the railroads view the Canadian reciprocity agreement very favorably and the passage of the agreement by the House by a vote of 265 to 89 is looked upon as contributing to friendly action on the bill in the Senate. Public sentiment throughout the country is most favorable to the measure, and it is thought that this will exert an additional influence in the higher body toward furthering its passage. It is becoming clearer all the time also that there is a very slim chance of tariff legislation at the extra session of Congress and nothing would do more to help a restoration of business conditions than the certainty that we should not see a disturbance of existing tariff conditions.

The reports from the railways are becoming more favorable and here and there an increase in traffic is seen in place of the decreases that have been noted for some time. The reports from the steel industry show that an enormous amount of structural steel is being contracted for, so that there is a more hopeful feeling in that direction. The copper industry is also coming in for more favorable comment and as expressed by one of the leading producers, there has been an altogether unwarranted amount of pessimism regarding the copper situation. The authority referred to said: "There has been a decidedly pessimistic feeling toward copper recently and predictions have been freely made that the metal would decline to an 11-cent basis. The statistics at the same time have shown a large consumption and business abroad has been reported excellent. The combined stocks on the first of April were smaller than they were a year ago notwithstanding an increase of 36,000,000 pounds during the first three months of this year. The main cause of the extremely pessimistic tone of nearly all comment was in the belief that the recession in business which set in during the last quarter of 1910 would proceed and reduce the demand for the metal. This has proved to be a fairly good forecast so far as this country is concerned, but consumption abroad has been maintained at a high rate and according to the annual report of the General Electric company, there are lines in this country using more copper than ever.

"The low prices have been made by a policy of holding aloof from the market followed by the large consumers until they are bare of stock. The Amalgamated interest in the meanwhile has held its copper for higher prices, and according to current belief is now in control of most of the available copper, while some

of the leading buyers find they must take on more metal and the Amalgamated interest is in a position to make them pay a fair price for it. The outlook in the meanwhile is for a favorable statement by the Producers' Association next month and the size of the exports indicates that once more the foreign buyer has secured the bulk of the cheap copper."—Boston Financial News.

GOULD WEDS MISS GRAHAM

NEW YORK, N. Y. April 29.—The second Gould wedding of the season took place in the fashionable St. Thomas's Church this afternoon, when Jay Gould, second son of Mr. and Mrs. George J. Gould, took for his bride Miss Annie Douglas Graham, the only daughter of Mrs. Vos. Unlike the wedding of Miss Vivien Gould and Lord Dees, which was celebrated in the same church in the early part of the winter, today's wedding was a comparatively simple and small affair, owing to a recent bereavement in the family of the bride. The guest list at the church ceremony and at the reception that followed was confined to the relatives and a few intimate friends of the contracting parties.

St. Thomas's was a bower of white lilacs, white roses and apple blossoms when the young bride, leaning on the arm of her step-father, walked up the flower-marked aisle. The bride was attended by Mrs. Snowden A. Fabenstock as matron of honor, while her bridesmaids were her two cousins, Miss Anita Van Dyke Whitlock of New York.

Mr. Gould was attended by his brother, Kingdon Gould, as best man. The ushers were Harvey Graham, brother of the bride, Anthony J. Drexel, Jr., brother-in-law of the bride.

SONS OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

LOUISVILLE, Ky., May 1.—Headquarters were established at the Seelbach Hotel today in anticipation of the opening of the twenty-second annual congress of the National Society, Sons of the American Revolution. Delegates and visitors from all parts of the country are arriving in the city to attend the gathering. Tomorrow afternoon Very Rev. Charles E. Craik, chaplain of the Kentucky Society, will conduct a special service for the delegates in Christ Church cathedral. The business sessions will begin Monday and conclude with the election of officers Wednesday. Indications point to the reelection of William Allen Marble of New York as president general of the society.

TILLMAN'S DAUGHTER A BRIDE

TRENTON, N. J. April 26.—Many guests from out of town attended the wedding here today of Miss Lona Tillman, daughter of United States Senator and Mrs. Benjamin P. Tillman, and Charles Sumner Moore, a prominent lawyer of Atlantic City, N. J. The ceremony was performed in the Church of Our Savior.

CASTLE CREEK ACTIVE.

(From Sunday's Daily)
W. E. Glenn arrived yesterday from his mining camp in Castle Creek district, and comes to fill the position of deputy assessor under T. E. Campbell, serving in a like capacity last year. He states that his co-owner in the mines, Robert Pellett, remained at their camp, where they are developing their properties. Mr. Glenn reports the district adjacent to Briggs as very active, and that the Swallow mine is under development with the mill running steadily. Another reduction plant is to be started in a few days near by, and the outlook is encouraging for a large producing district.

ROUTE TO PHOENIX IS TO BE REPAIRED

(From Tuesday's daily)

Appreciating the fact that road conditions in the southern part of the county are deplorable at many places, on the main highway to Wickenburg, and with a desire to make tourist travel this summer more inviting between Prescott and Phoenix, a committee of members of the Prescott Auto Club yesterday waited on the Board of Supervisors to recommend the expenditure of funds to remedy the existing evil. The plan advanced is to repair one of the two routes from Wickenburg north to this city, over Antelope Hill and thence through Peeples Valley. When Kirkland is reached the diverging point is to be taken. One road from this place leads through Copper Basin, while the other goes by Skull Valley and taps the upper end of Williamson Valley, connecting with the latter road near Granite Mountain. From Wickenburg north several places will have to be repaired. The first will be on Antelope Hill, near the Yarnell mine, while at other points sim-

ilar consideration will be extended. If the Copper Basin road is favored, the distance will be lessened, but the expense will be heavy, it is said. The route will be decided after an examination is made in the next few weeks. The board is said to favor the movement, and when the county grading machine is available the work will be started.

Advices from Phoenix are to the effect that summer travel by auto this year promises to be heavy between that city and the Grand Canyon, in which Prescott figures as the point midway. The opening of the canyon road from Prescott is already having its good effect, and after June it is believed there will be a large number of auto tourists passing through this city constantly.

From Phoenix to Wickenburg a splendid roadway is now available, since the new cutoff has been completed from Hot Springs Junction to Wickenburg, which eliminates the sand washes along the Hassayampa.

ASH FORK HIGHWAY SCENIC BOULEVARD

(From Tuesday's Daily)

D. M. Clark, in charge of the construction of the new Prescott and Grand Canyon road through Ash Fork, arrived from the front yesterday, and reports twenty-one miles of the grade completed north from Jerome Junction, or over forty from this city. His main camp has been moved and is now three miles north of King Bros.' cattle ranch, in Big Chino valley. The work is progressing satisfactorily, and by May 15th the "last spike" will be driven at Ash Fork. But one mile further remains to be graded in this county, when the Coconino county line will be reached.

At a meeting held a few days ago, in Flagstaff, the Board of Supervisors took the matter up of building in their territory, and concluded to place a force at work this week. The Yavapai grader will be tendered there to expedite the work, and it is expected that by the middle of June the road will be ready for travel from Prescott to the rim of the canyon at El Tovar. In Coconino county there are about sixty-five miles of old road to repair, on a good grade.

The route commands a fascinating view of the country from its high elevation, and will be one of the most popular routes for tourist travel, with a smooth roadbed and the liability of accidents reduced to a minimum.

In speaking of the Yavapai end, Mr. Clark is very enthusiastic over the project. At one point, from Pan-tenny's to King Bros., a tangent of

eight miles is built that will be on a grade of less than one-half of one per cent. From Jerome Junction to Ash Fork, the route will be a boulevard, and in addition to that desirable feature, the scenic attractions are varied and fascinating. In short, the new road will be a revelation to travelers, and when opened will be a veritable race track. The trip in a contest should be made in two hours, from this city to Ash Fork, while pleasure parties can easily make the distance in three hours. At a point about three miles north of the present camp, the dense cedar forests begin, and end about twelve miles from Ash Fork. The old road through this wooded country will be straightened to reduce the distance. In doing this work, Mr. Clark states that an immense amount of desirable wood will be cut out, and if there are any who desire this article free of charge they are welcome to come and secure it.

The soil through which the greater portion of this road runs is a decomposed granite and volcanic ash, and after the first rain comes will become almost as solid as cement. The road has been under construction for less than two weeks, and in that time over twenty-one miles, or more than two-thirds of the distance, has been converted into a splendid roadway. But one gate is to be opened in the entire distance, that at the Puntenny ranch. This move is due to maintaining a standard system of grade and to obviate additional expense in construction.

ACTIVE SECTION.

(From Thursday's Daily)

Dan Bowen was an arrival in the city yesterday from Mayer, which he reports as passing through an active career in mining, and the indications favorable for the reviving of several mines this summer that have been idle since the panic. The possibilities of the district are more attractive than ever, since the Blue Bell has entered the bonanza column of producers.

PIONEER VERY ILL.

(From Tuesday's daily)

J. N. Marlowe of Williamson Valley is reported to be in a critical condition, and his death is expected to occur daily. He has been suffering with total paralysis for over twenty years, and lately his affliction has assumed a serious change for the worse. He is the father of E. N. Marlowe, and is about 73 years old.

SELLS SELIGMAN PROPERTY.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

John Denair, formerly superintendent of the Santa Fe in Arizona, has sold his house and lot in Seligman, to Frank Carr, live stock grower. Mr. Denair retired some time ago from railroad duties, and is now financing and managing a mining company at Bagdad, on the desert.

PUBLIC RECORDS.

Instruments Filed as Reported by The Prescott Title Co.

April 26, 1911.

W. B. Glore to Big Blue Mining Co. of Arizona, M. deed. All interest in Big Blue, Gila Monster, Grand View and Comet mines, Black Rock District.

Robt. H. Browne to Big Blue Mining Co. of Arizona, M. deed. All interest in same property.

Thomas C. and William H. Hill locate Sunrise mine, Thumb Butte District.

W. T. Jennings amends location of Silver State mine, Black Hills District.

April 27, 1911.

Order of Probate Court in estate of Francis W. Pratt, deceased, confirming sale of various lands, cattle, etc., to estate of Thomas R. King.

Estate Francis W. Pratt to E. L. A. E., Chas. W. T., Thos. W., Arthur E. and Frederick C. King—Deed. SW quarter of NE quarter, W half of SE quarter, SE quarter of SE quarter and SW quarter Section 4, all of Section 9, NE quarter Section 21, NW quarter Section 22, 18 N., 3 W. One-half interest in N half of SW quarter Section 36, N half of SE quarter Section 35, 18 N., 1 W. Cattle, horses, etc.

Cornelia E. Pratt to same parties—Q. C. Deed. Same property.

Frederick C. King to Thomas W. King—Power of Attorney. General. E. D. Doering to A. J. McPhee—M. Deed. Old Mexican, Convention and Constitution mines, Harper district.

D. E. Schenley amends location of Little Gertrude placer, Kirkland district.

John Odell files affidavit of assessment work on two mines, Peck district.

Honoree P. Merrill to M. Lichtenstein—Bill of Sale; \$400. Building on lot 2, block 4, Jerome.

E. Block amends location of New Year Gift mine, Hassayampa district.

Warren E. Day and wife to Wm. Ritter—W. Deed; \$100. 25x44 feet in NE quarter of SE quarter Section 29, 14 N., 2 W.

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MOHAVE WAGON ROAD BEING RUSHED

(Mohave County Miner.)

A force of over twenty men is now at work on the wagon road that is soon to connect Copperville with the outside world. The road has been surveyed over the mountain from Blue Mary spring, a distance of eight miles. The grade up the west side of the mountain will entail a large amount of work, but once over the summit there will be little work necessary to make an excellent road. L. Hoffman, superintendent of the Arizona Southwestern Copper company, is personally looking after the work and expects to have the road completed within ninety days. Within a few days the force of men at work on the grade will be doubled. A camp has been established at the west side of the mountain, convenient to water and accessible to teams.

AIR LABORATORY EPOCH-MAKING PROPOSAL

NEW YORK, May 27.—Air men in this city are much interested in the epoch-marking proposal which is to be brought forward at the dinner to be given by the Aeronautical Society at the Hotel Astor, for the endowment and establishment of a permanent aeronautical laboratory. As such a laboratory would be a national institution, such as the Smithsonian Institution, President Taft, who is to be present at the dinner, will be asked to make the formal announcement of the details, according to the plans as announced by the president of the society. The laboratory will be the first of its kind ever organized in the world, and according to reports will be endowed by one of the most conspicuous philanthropists in America. The maneuvers along the Mexican border have served to illustrate some of the uses of the aeroplane in actual warfare in such a significant manner that there is no doubt that the country will soon add another branch to its war machinery, that is, of air service. That President Taft is expected to make the announcement of the establishment of the proposed aeronautical laboratory lends added significance to the report.

IMPROVEMENTS AT PARKER.

(From Sunday's Daily.)

John Roberts, formerly a resident of this city, but now of Parker, arrived in the city yesterday, and will remain for a few days on business. He states that the government is disbursing in public buildings at that point over \$150,000 at the present time, for the use of the Indians. As soon as the allotment of lands is announced, there is every indication of lively times following. Many people are anxiously awaiting for this order, and large improvements will be then started in the city.